

4VAC15-240-32

Game: Turkey: Open season; certain counties and areas; six week season

Summary:

This proposal seeks to add Orange County to the counties with a six week fall turkey season.

Proposed language of amendment:

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It shall be lawful to hunt turkeys 14 days immediately before the Saturday prior to the first Monday in November; on Thanksgiving Day and the day before; on the Monday nearest December 2 and for 12 days following, both dates inclusive; and on the second Saturday in January and for 14 days following in the Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buchanan, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Floyd, Fluvanna, Frederick, Goochland, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, Tazewell, and Warren.

Rationale:

Current population trends and density estimates for Orange County show positive improvements in the status of the turkey population. Orange County currently has a moderate turkey density with a population trend that is increasing at a significant rate. Staff believe the population is stable enough to sustain an increased fall harvest opportunity based on the current population metrics.